**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Public Services –Dr.Chinthala Krishnappa Ramesh Kumar,(SO-2), the then I/c Director of Insurance Medical Services(Now retired), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Articles of Charges – Issued.

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**LABOUR, FACTORIES, BOILERS AND IMS (IMS&VIG) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No.318** **Dated:24.08.2022**

**Read the following:-**

1. Interim Enquiry report from the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, Rc.No.51/RE-CIU/2020, dt:16.12.2022.
2. Govt. Memo. No.1633065/IMS&VIG/A1/2019, LFB&IMS Department, Dt:02.06.2022.
3. From Director General, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.51/RE-CIU/2020, Dt:15.07.2022.
4. G.O.Ms.No.29, LFB &IMS (IMS & VIG) Dept., Dt.24.08.2022.

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**ORDER:**

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government in the reference 4th read above it is proposed to hold an inquiry against Dr.Chinthala Krishnappa Ramesh Kumar,(SO-2), the then I/c Director of Insurance Medical Services(Now retired), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed Statement of Articles of Charges(Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour on which action is proposed to be taken against him is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure–III&IV).

3. Dr.Chinthala Krishnappa Ramesh Kumar,(SO-2), the then I/c Director of Insurance Medical Services(Now retired), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this Government Order a written statement of his defence and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. Dr.Chinthala Krishnappa Ramesh Kumar,(SO-2), the then I/c Director of Insurance Medical Services(Now retired), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada is informed that an Inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny the each article of charge.

5. Dr.Chinthala Krishnappa Ramesh Kumar,(SO-2), the then I/c Director of Insurance Medical Services(Now retired), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the

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date specified in para-3 above, or does not appear in person before the Inquiry Authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte.

6. Dr.Chinthala Krishnappa Ramesh Kumar,(SO-2), the then I/c Director of Insurance Medical Services(Now retired), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada is invited to Rule 24 A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. Dr.Chinthala Krishnappa Ramesh Kumar,(SO-2), the then I/c Director of Insurance Medical Services(Now retired), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada is specifically informed, that this order does not preclude the disciplinary authority to frame fresh charges, if any other irregularities are noticed during the course of disciplinary action.

8. The receipt of this Government Order shall be acknowledged.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**G.ANANTHA RAMU**
**SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
Dr.Chinthala Krishnappa Ramesh Kumar,(SO-2), the then I/c Director of Insurance Medical Services(Now retired), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada **through** the Director, Insurance Medical Services, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Director, Insurance Medical Services, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada with a request to serve the Articles of charge on the individual and furnish the dated ACK. of served copy for record.
The Director General, ACB, Andhra Pradesh., Vijayawada.
SF/SC.

**//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//**

**SECTION OFFICER**

## ANNEXURE – I

## STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST Dr CHINTHALA KRISHNAPPA RAMESH KUMAR, (SO-2), THE THEN I/C. DIRECTOR, IMS, A.P., VIJAYAWADA.

Dr. Chinthala Krishnappa Ramesh Kumar, S/o. C.Krishnappa, 62 yrs, the then i/c Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada is a native of Tiruchanoor, Tirupathi Rural Mandal, R/o. 112, Cross-winds apartments, Near Avilala Siva Temple, Tirupathi, Chittoor District. He joined in Government Service of Andhra Pradesh Employees State Insurance Services on 30.05.1986 FN as Civil Assistant Surgeon (CAS) at ESI Dispensary, Malkajgiri, Secunderabad. Then, he worked as a Civil Assistant Surgeon at ESI Hospitals, Adoni, Sanath Nagar up to 14.06.1997. Later, he got a promotion as Civil Surgeon Specialist on 27.06.1997 and posted at ESI Hospital, Rajahmundry and worked at ESI Hospitals Adoni, Sirupur-kagaznagar, Ramachandrapuram, Tirupathi up to 28.01.2013 as Civil Surgeon Specialist respectively. Then after, he got a promotion as a special Grade Civil Surgeon and he was posted at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi. He worked as Spl. Grade Civil surgeon up to 06.07.2016. Later, he posted to Directorate, IMS, AP, Vijayawada as In-charge Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada and worked from 06.07.2016 to 02.11.2017. He retired from his service on 30.09.2019. While working as In-charge Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada Dr Chinthala Krishnappa Ramesh Kumar has committed the following grave misconduct in as much as.

### CHARGE-1:

That the Government Servant Dr Chinthala Krishnappa Ramesh Kumar, the then i/c Director (Now retired), IMS, A.P., Vijayawada, While Working as i/c. Director, IMS, AP from 06.07.2016 to 01.11.2017, issued a work order to M/s. Jalam Environment Private Ltd., Hyderabad for installation of STP at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi during the year, 2017 without taking permission from the Government, without calling Tenders, without following due procedure as mentioned in 1) G.O.Ms.No.258 of Finance (TFR) Dept., A.P., Dt.20.09.2013, 2) G.O.Ms.No.2 of Finance (Works & Projects-F7) Department, A.P., Dt.03.02.14 and 3) G.O.Ms.No.40 of Finance (TFR) Dept., A.P., Dt. 14.02.2014 and he had also paid a part of the capital amount of Rs. 48,72,000/- (including Tax) for establishment of STP to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad on 17.08.2017.

### CHARGE-2:

That the Government Servant Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar, the then Director (Now retired), IMS, A.P., Vijayawada issued a maintenance contract to M/s. Jalam Environment Private Ltd., Hyderabad during the year, 2017 without taking

permission from the Government, without calling Tenders and without following due procedure as mentioned in 1) G.O.Ms.No.258 of Finance (TFR) Dept., A.P., Dt. 20.09.2013, 2) G.O.Ms.No.2 of Finance (Works & Projects-F7) Department, A.P., Dt.03.02.14 and 3) G.O.Ms.No.40 of Finance (TFR) Dept., A.P., Dt. 14.02.2014.

Thus, the Government Servant Dr Chinthala Krishnappa Ramesh Kumar, the then i/c Director (Now retired), IMS, A.P., Vijayawada by his above-mentioned acts has exhibited a lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 r/w. Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules 1980.

**G.ANANTHA RAMU**
**SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

**//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//**

**SECTION OFFICER**

## ANNEXURE – II

**STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST Dr. CHINTHALA KRISHNAPPA RAMESH KUMAR, (SO-2), S/O. C.KRISHNAPPA, THE THEN I/C. DIRECTOR, IMS, A.P., VIJAYAWADA.**

Dr Chinthala Krishnappa Ramesh Kumar, S/o. C.Krishnappa, 62 yrs, the then I/C Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada is a native of Tiruchanoor, Tirupathi Rural Mandal, R/o. 112, Cross-winds apartments, Near Avilala Siva Temple, Tirupathi, Chittoor District. He joined in Government Service of Andhra Pradesh Employees State Insurance Services on 30.05.1986 FN as Civil Assistant Surgeon (CAS) at ESI Dispensary, Malkajgiri, Secunderabad. Then, he worked as a Civil Assistant Surgeon at ESI Hospitals, Adoni, Sanath Nagar up to 14.06.1997. Later, he got a promotion as Civil Surgeon Specialist on 27.06.1997 and posted at ESI Hospital, Rajahmundry and worked at ESI Hospitals Adoni, Sirupur-kagaznagar, Ramachandrapuram, Tirupathi up to 28.01.2013 as Civil Surgeon Specialist respectively. Then after, he got a promotion as a special Grade Civil Surgeon and he was posted at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi. He worked as Spl. Grade Civil surgeon up to 06.07.2016. Later, he posted to Directorate, IMS, AP, Vijayawada as In-charge Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada and worked from 06.07.2016 to 02.11.2017. He retired from his service on 30.09.2019. He is here-in-after referred to as the retired Government Servant.

**BRIEF FACTS:**

The Bureau had conducted Regular Enquiry with respect to the entrustment of the work of installation and maintenance of Sewerage Treatment Plants for ESI Hospitals at Tirupathi, Vijayawada, Adoni and Rajahmundry vide 1). Vigilance Report No.01(C.No.2982/V&E/Sec-II/D2/2019-1,2&836/DG/V&E/Sec.II/2019, dt.03.01.2020, 2) Memo No.967594/IMS&VIG/A2/2019, dtd.17.03.2020 of the Principal Secretary, Labour Factories, Boilers (IMS &VIG) IMS Department, Govt., of Andhra Pradesh without following procedures laid down for engaging the contractor through various orders of Govt. and also violated the modalities prescribed for such installations

through G.O.Rt.No.683, LET&F Dept., Dt.24.07.2013 and submitted the interim enquiry report to the Government on 16.12.2021.

During the course of the enquiry, With regard to the allegation made against the Government Servants collected the documents and witnesses were secured examined and recorded their statements and the following facts were revealed during the course of enquiry.

Whereas, in the year 2013, the then Director, IMS, AP, Hyderabad addressed a letter to Government (vide Lr.Rc.No.5880/CDS/2013, dt.17.04.2013) stating that hospitals have several toxic pathogenic bacteria, toxic chemical wastes which when released into Municipal water increase the probability of growth of highly anti-biotic bacteria, at present, there are methods of collection of solid waste with bio-medical waste bags and no methods for treatment for liquid waste. There is a lack of safe biomedical waste disposable particles and hospital wastewater, which is proving to be hazardous. In order to segregate between solid, liquid and chemical biomedical wastes, hospital wastewater, needles and other hazardous wastes, which are simply getting diverted into a public drain which is dangerous, a Sewage Treatment Plant is essential for segregation and bio-degradation. He also stated that there will be no burden on the state exchequer and this project is in the process of implementation in the Medical and Health Department. Ex. Gandhi Hospital and Osmania Medical College and approved by the pollution control board. The then Director, IMS requested to issue permission to set up Sewage Treatment Plants at ESI Hospitals in the state. On that, the Government accorded permission to the Director of Insurance Medical Services, A.P., Hyderabad to set up Sewage Treatment Plants (designing, construction and installation) at ESI Hospitals in the state, subject to not seeking any funds from the State Government vide G.O.Rt.No.683, Dt. 24.07.2013 of LET&F (IMS) Department. The above G.O. was issued with the concurrence of the Finance (Expr.LET&F) Department vide their U.O.No.18471/102/EXPR.LET&F/13, Dt.16.07.2013).

Based on this, the then Director IMS, AP, Hyderabad Dr K.Malleswara Rao, (Now Retired) had issued separate work orders to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad for Design, construction and installation of sewage treatment plants at ESI hospitals **Vijayawada** and **Rajahmundry** Vide Rc. No.5880/CDS1/2013-1, Date.18.10.2013 with terms and conditions and the total value of work is Rs.1,85,60,000/- each.

Subsequently, on **13.02.2014, the LET & F Department issued G.O.Rt.No.340** and accorded permission to the Director, IMS, AP, Hyderabad to set up Sewerage Treatment Plants **at ESI Diagnostic Centers, Nizamabad, Jeedimetla and Adoni instead of ESI Hospitals Visakhapatnam, Tirupathi and Sanath Nagar at Hyderabad** in the state. Accordingly, the Director, IMS, AP, Hyderabad had issued a work order vide Rc. No.5880/CDS1/2013, Dt.18.02.2014 to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad for installation of Sewerage Treatment Plant at ESI-Diagnostic Centre, Adoni.

After completion of set up and installation of the STPs, the then Director, IMS, AP, Hyderabad (United AP) issued Annual Maintenance Contract Order to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., for undertaking the work of operation and maintenance of STPs at ESI hospitals Vijayawada, Rajahmundry and ESI Diagnostic centre Adoni for a period of one year, w.e.f. 1-6-2014 to 31.05.2015, vide Rc. No.5880/CDS1/2013-AMC, dated 30.05.2014. The terms and conditions of the contract are mentioned as 1) The contract will be extended for a further one year, based on the satisfactory performance of the firm, 2) The firm should provide 2 to 3 engineers to work, around the clock, at each plant, on a shift basis, 3) Repairs and maintenance of all equipment, Chemicals and materials required are to be provided by the firm and 4) Cost of operation and maintenance charge at each centre is Rs.2,30,000/- per month i.e., Rs.6,90,000/- for all three Centers will be paid.

As per the AP State Government and ESIC purchase procedure guidelines, when the value of goods and services is more than one lakh rupees, the procurement shall be made through e-procurement vide **G.O.Ms.No.258** of Finance (TFR) Dept., Dt.20.09.2013, **G.O.Ms.No.2,** of Finance (Works & Projects-F7) Department, Dt.03.02.14 and **G.O.Ms.No.40** of Finance (TFR) Dept., Dt.14.02.2014.

As per the ESIC purchase procedure guidelines (In column No. 3.2 about sanctioning authority):- All Equipments, shall be purchased with the prior sanction of the competent authority as per the delegation of power circulated. For Equipment with unit cost up to Rs. 15 Lakhs, the sanctioning authority will be Director/Medical Superintendent as the case may be. Equipment costing more than Rs. 15 Lakhs sanction will be obtained from ESIC Corporate Office.

**CHARGE-1:**

The Government Servant **Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar** (The then Director, Now retired) as I/c Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada (from 06.07.2016 to 01.11.2017) had issued a work order to M/s.Jalam Environment Private Ltd., Hyderabad for installation of STP at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi during the year, 2017 without taking permission from the Government, without calling Tenders, without following due procedure and also paid a part of the Capital amount of Rs. 48,72,000/- (including Tax) for establishment of STP to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad on 17.08.2017.

During the course of the enquiry, the following facts revealed that the Government Servant **Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar** (The then Director, Now retired) as I/c Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada issued a work order vide Rc.No. 246/A/CDS/2017, dt.16.01.2017 to M/s.Jalam Environment Private Ltd., Hyderabad for installation of STP at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi during the year, 2017 and sanctioned the capital amount of Rs.1,85,60,000/- for construction though the Government had issued **G.O.Rt.No.340,** Dt.13.02.14 wherein, the government had issued permission to set up Sewage Treatment Plants at ESI Diagnostic Centers, Nizamabad, Jeedimetla and Adoni, instead of ESI Hospitals Visakhapatnam and Tirupathi vide **G.O.Rt.No.683** of LET&F Department of Andhra Pradesh without taking prior permission from the Government and without calling Tenders, without following due procedure as mentioned in 1) G.O.Ms.No.258 of Finance (TFR) Dept., A.P., Dt.20.09.2013, 2) G.O.Ms.No.2 of Finance (Works & Projects-F7) Department, A.P., Dt.03.02.14 and 3) G.O.Ms.No.40 of Finance (TFR) Dept., A.P., Dt. 14.02.2014. He had also paid a part of the Capital amount of Rs.48,72,000/- (including Tax) for establishment of STP to M/s.Jalam Environment Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad on 17.08.2017.

As per Point No. 2(e) of Sharable Expenditure outside the Ceiling on Page No.7 of the Standard Note on ESI Scheme, the payment for disposal of biomedical waste can be sharable outside the ceiling. Sri C.K.Ramesh Kumar(SO-2), the then Director, IMS, A.P., Vijayawada failed to get permission/intimation to ESIC to establish a sewage treatment plant at Hospitals / Diagnostic Centre and caused loss to the Insured Persons and State Government exchequer.

During the enquiry, examined the following witnesses and they revealed the facts as follows:

1) Dr S.B.R.Kumar Lagahimsetti, I.R.S., S/o. L.Mallikharjuna Rao, 40 years, Director of Insurance Medical Services, AP, Vijayawada stated that during the tenure from 2014 to 2019, Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar (The then Director, Now retired) had worked as I/c Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada from 06.07.2016 to 01.11.2017. Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar had issued a work order for the design and construction and installation of the STP at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi vide Rc.No. 246/A/CDS/2017, dt.16.01.2017 to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad and sanctioned the capital amount of Rs.1,85,60,000/- for construction. After completion of the STP at Tirupathi, the AMC for operation and maintenance of STP was also given by him vide Rc. No.1311/CDS1/2015, Dt. 26.09.2017 and he had paid an amount of Rs.1,35,66,000/- for four STPs (Including the partial Capital amount of Rs.48,72,000/- for the construction of STP, Tirupathi) to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd.

Further, he stated that in pursuance of the record it came to know that though the Government had accorded the permission to set up Sewage Treatment Plants at ESI Diagnostic Centers Nizamabad, Jeedimetla and Adoni instead of the ESI Hospitals Visakhapatnam and Tirupathi vide G.O.Rt.No.340, Dt.13.02.14, Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar had issued a work order for the installation of the Sewage Treatment Plant at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi without taking prior permission from the State Government and ESIC by following the prior issued order of G.O.Rt.No.683, 24.07.2013 of LET&F Department of Andhra Pradesh and also gave the AMC for operation and Maintenance of the STP from 01.07.2017 to 30.06.2018.

2). Sri Namburi Subba Rao, S/o Veera Bhadraiah, 54 years, Office Superintendent (Planning & RF Sections), O/o DIMS, Vijayawada stated about the procedure for all Equipment purchase that as per the ESIC purchase procedure guidelines (In column no. 3.2 sanctioning authority) all Equipment shall be purchased with the prior sanction of the competent authority as per the delegation of power circulated. For Equipment with unit cost up to Rs. 15 Lakhs, the sanctioning authority will be Director/Medical Superintendent as the case may be. Equipment costing more than Rs. 15 Lakhs sanction will be obtained from ESIC Corporate Office.

Further, he stated that Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar (The then Director, Now retired) had worked as I/c Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada from 06.07.2016 to

01.11.2017 and issued a work order for the design and construction and installations of the STP at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi vide Rc.No. 246/A/CDS/2017, dt.16.01.2017 to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad and sanctioned the capital amount of Rs.1,85,60,000/- for construction. After completion of the STP at Tirupathi, he had given AMC vide Rc. No.1311/CDS1/2015, Dt. 26.09.2017 for operation and maintenance of STP and paid an amount of Rs.1,35,66,000/- for four STPs (Including the partial Capital amount of Rs.48,72,000/- for construction of STP, Tirupathi) to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd.

3). Dr Bala Shankara Reddy, S/o K.Nagireddy, Civil Surgeon Specialist, ESI Hospital, Tirupati stated that he has been working as a Civil Surgeon Specialist at ESI-Hospital, Tirupathi since 2013. Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar (The then Director, Now retired) as I/c Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada had worked as I/c Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada from 06.07.2016 to 01.11.2017 and issued a work order for design, construction and installation of the STP at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi vide Rc.No. 246/A/CDS/2017, dt.16.01.2017 to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad by following the G.O.Rt.No.683, Dt. 24.07.2013 of LET&F Department of Andhra Pradesh and also gave the AMC for operation and maintenance of the STP vide Rc. No.1311/CDS1/2015, Dt. 26.09.2017 to M/s. Jalam Environment Private Limited, Hyderabad.

4) Smt. Battula Anjani Devi, W/o Venkata Rao Dara, 58 years, Superintendent, Account Section, O/o DIMS, Vijayawada stated that Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar (The then Director, Now retired) had worked as I/c Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada from 06.07.2016 to 01.11.2017 and issued a work order for the design and construction and installation of the STP at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi vide Rc.No. 2461A/CDS/2017, dt.16.01.2017 to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad and also sanctioned the capital amount of Rs.1,85,60,000/- for construction. After completion of the STP, the AMC for operation and maintenance of the STP had been given by Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar vide Rc. No.1311/CDS1/2015, Dt. 26.09.2017 and paid an amount of Rs.1,35,66,000/- for four STPs (Including the partial Capital amount of Rs.48,72,000/- for construction of STP, Tirupathi) to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd.

Further, she stated that in pursuance of the record it came to know that though the Government had issued G.O.Rt.No.340, Dt.13.02.14 to accord permission had been issued to set up Sewage Treatment Plants at ESI Diagnostic

Centers Nizamabad, Jeedimetla and Adoni instead of the ESI Hospitals Visakhapatnam and Tirupathi, Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar had issued a work order for the installation of the Sewage Treatment Plant at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi without taking prior permission from the State Government and ESIC and also the AMC for operation and Maintenance from 01.07.2017 to 30.06.2018 was given by him.

5) Sri Yerramala Ajith Babu, S/o Y.SarveswaraRao (Late), Age 27 Years, Junior Assistant (CDS Section, O/o. DIMS, AP, Vijayawada) stated that he has been working as Junior Assistant in the CDS section since 01.01.2021 and Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar (The then Director, Now retired) had worked as I/c Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada from 06.07.2016 to 01.11.2017 issued a work order for the design, construction and installation of the STP at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi vide Rc.No. 246/A/CDS/2017, dt.16.01.2017 to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad and sanctioned the capital amount of Rs.1,85,60,000/- for construction. After completion of the STP, an amount of Rs.1,35,66,000/- for four STPs (Including the partial Capital amount of Rs.48,72,000/- for construction of STP, Tirupathi) was paid by him to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd. Later, the AMC for operation and maintenance of STP was given by Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar vide Rc. No.1311/CDS1/2015, Dt. 26.09.2017 to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad.

Further, he stated that in pursuance of the record it came to know that though the Government had accorded the permission to set up Sewage Treatment Plants at ESI Diagnostic Centers Nizamabad, Jeedimetla and Adoni instead of the ESI Hospitals Visakhapatnam and Tirupathi vide G.O.Rt.No.340, Dt.13.02.14, Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar had issued a work order for the installation of the Sewage Treatment Plant at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi without taking prior permission from the State Government and ESIC by following the prior issued order the G.O.Rt.No.683, 24.07.2013 of LET&F Department of Andhra Pradesh and also gave the AMC for operation and Maintenance of the STP from 01.07.2017 to 30.06.2018.

6) Sri Annavarapu Krupakanth, S/o. A.Ramesh Babu, Age 31 Years, Senior Assistant (Accounts Section, O/o. DIMS, AP, Vijayawada stated that, he has been working as a Senior Assistant in the Accounts section since 11.06.2019. Further, he stated that Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar (Now retired) the then Director (IMS) had issued a work order for the design and construction of the Sewerage Treatment Plant at Tirupathi, ESI Hospital vide Rc.No. 246/A/CDS/2017, dt.16.01.2017 to M/s.Jalam

Environment Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad on 16.01.2017 along with terms and conditions and also sanctioned the capital amount of Rs.1,85,60,000/- for construction. Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar had paid an amount of Rs.48,72,000/- (including TAX) on 17.08.2017 as a partial capital amount for the construction of the STP at Tirupathi to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad through Head of account 4210011020005520521V. & Token Number:20171800022221.

7) Dr Gadi Vijaya Kumar s/o Veeranna, 60 yrs., (now retired) Special Grade Civil Surgeon, ESI Hospital, Rajahmundry stated that he worked as In-charge as Director of Insurance Medical Services (DIMS) from 2.11.2017 to 05.05.2019 and his Predecessor Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar (From 06.07.2016 to 01.11.2017) had issued a work order for the design and construction and installations of the STP at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi vide Rc.No. 246/A/CDS/2017, dt.16.01.2017 to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad and sanctioned the capital amount of Rs. 1,85,60,000/- for construction.

Further, in pursuance of the record, it came to know that though the government had issued the G.O.Ms.No.340, dt.13.02.2014 according to the permission for setting up the Sewage Treatment Plants at ESI Diagnostic Centers, Nizamabad, Jeedimetla and Adoni instead of ESI Hospitals Visakhapatnam and Tirupathi. But, Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar had given the work order as mentioned in the reference vide G.O.Rt.No.683, Dt. 24.07.2013 of LET&F Department of Andhra Pradesh instead of G.O.Ms.No.340, dt.13.02.2014, without taking prior permission from the State Government and ESIC and without following due procedure. Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar had paid an amount of Rs.48,72,000/- (including TAX) on 17.08.2017 to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad as a partial capital amount for the construction of the STP at Tirupathi.

8) Sri Gudapati Murali Krishna, S/o.Veeranajaneyulu, 67 years, Director of M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., AC Guards, Hyderabad stated that, he is a Managing Director of M/s. Jalam Environments Private Limited, Hyderabad. Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar had issued a work order for the design and construction and installation of the STP at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi vide Rc.No. 246/A/CDS/2017, dt.16.01.2017 to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad and Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar had sanctioned the capital amount of Rs. 1,85,60,000/- for construction and paid an amount of Rs.48,72,000/- (including TAX) on 17.08.2017 as a partial capital amount for construction of STP at Tirupathi to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad.

Hence, the issue of the work order for setting up the Sewage Treatment plant at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi and the payment of an amount of Rs.48,72,000/- for the construction of STP, Tirupati are a clear violation of the government orders by Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar, the then Director (now retired), Insurance Medical Services, AP.

**CHARGE-2:**

That the Government Servant Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar, the then Director (Now retired), IMS, A.P., Vijayawada issued a maintenance contract to M/s. Jalam Environment Private Ltd., Hyderabad during the year, 2017 without taking permission from the Government, without calling Tenders and without following due procedure as mentioned in 1) G.O.Ms.No.258 of Finance (TFR) Dept., A.P., Dt.20.09.2013, G.O.Ms.No.2 of Finance (Works & Projects-F7) Department, A.P., Dt.03.02.14 and G.O.Ms.No.40 of Finance (TFR) Dept., AP., Dt. 14.02.2014

During the course of the enquiry, the following facts revealed that after completion of the STP at Tirupathi, the Government Servant Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar (The then Director, Now retired) as I/c Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada had given AMC vide Rc. No.1311/CDS1/2015, Dt. 26.09.2017 for operation and maintenance of STP and also he had given the extension of AMC for three STP plants (Vijayawada, Rajahmundry, Adoni) from 01.06.2017 to 31.05.2018, vide Rc. No.1311/CDS1/2015, Dt. 08.06.2017. The terms and conditions were as mentioned in the previous AMC order, Rs.2,41,500/- to each STP per month. Since then, operation and maintenance charges of four plants raised to Rs.1.16 Cr per annum. He had given a work order and sanctioned the Capital amount for the design and construction and installation of the STP at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi from Rs.1,85,60,000/- to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad.

Further, as per the STP Service reports of M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd. which were forwarded by the concerned Medical Superintendents with satisfactory remarks, he had given Contract Extension orders of STPs at ESI Hospitals for a period of one year and he had paid the charges of maintenance of Sewerage Treatment Plants of Vijayawada, Rajahmundry, Tirupathi & Adoni Diagnostic centre as per MoU.

During the enquiry examined the following witnesses and they revealed the facts as follows:

1) Dr S.B.R.Kumar Lagahimsetti, I.R.S., S/o. L.Mallikharjuna Rao, 40 years, Director of Insurance Medical Services, AP, Vijayawada stated that during the tenure of Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar (The then Director, Now retired) had worked as I/c Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada from 06.07.2016 to 01.11.2017 and given AMC for operation and maintenance of STP vide Rc. No.1311/CDS1/2015, Dt. 26.09.2017 without following due procedure.
2) Sri Namburi Subba Rao, S/o Veera Bhadraiah, 54 years, Office Superintendent (Planning & RF Sections), O/o DIMS, Vijayawada stated that during the tenure of Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar (The then Director, Now retired) had worked as I/c Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada from 06.07.2016 to 01.11.2017 and given AMC for operation and maintenance of STP vide Rc. No.1311/CDS1/2015, Dt. 26.09.2017 without following due procedure.
3) Dr Bala Shankara Reddy, S/o K.Nagireddy, Civil Surgeon Specialist, ESI Hospital, Tirupati, Near Mutyalareddypalli police station, Avilala Post, Rayalaseema road, Tirupati stated that he has been working as a Civil Surgeon Specialist at ESI-Hospital, Tirupathi since 2013, during the tenure of Dr. C.K.Ramesh Kumar had worked (The then Director, Now retired) as I/c Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada from 06.07.2016 to 01.11.2017 and given AMC for operation and maintenance of STP vide Rc. No.1311/CDS1/2015, Dt. 26.09.2017 without following due procedure.
4) Smt. Battula Anjani Devi, W/o Venkata Rao Dara, 58 years, Superintendent, Account Section, 0/o DIMS, Vijayawada stated that Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar (The then Director, Now retired) had worked as I/c Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada from 06.07.2016 to 01.11.2017 and given the AMC for operation and maintenance of the STP, ESI Hospital, Tirupati vide Rc. No.1311/CDS1/2015, Dt. 26.09.2017 without following due procedure.
5) Sri Yerramala Ajith Babu, S/o.Y.SarveswaraRao (Late), Age 27 Years, Junior Assistant (CDS Section, 0/o. DIMS, AP, Vijayawada) stated that he has been working as a Junior Assistant in the CDS section since 01.01.2021 and Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar (The then Director, Now retired) had worked as I/c Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada from 06.07.2016 to

01.11.2017 and given the AMC for operation and maintenance of the STP, ESI Hospital, Tirupati vide Rc. No.1311/CDS1/2015, Dt. 26.09.2017 without following due procedure.

6) Sri Annavarapu Krupakanth, S/o. A.Ramesh Babu, Age 31 Years, Senior Assistant (Accounts Section, O/o.DIMS, AP, Vijayawada stated that he has been working as a Senior Assistant in the Accounts section since 11.06.2019. Based on the record, Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar (The then Director, Now retired) the then Director (IMS) had issued the order for Operation and Maintenance of Sewerage Treatment Plant at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi to M/s.Jalam Environment Pvt Ltd for one year and cost of operation and maintenance of STP @ Rs.2,41,500/- per month on 26.09.2017 vide Rc. No.1311/CDS1/2015, Dt. 26.09.2017 without following due procedure.

7) Dr Gadi Vijaya Kumar S/o Veeranna, 60 yrs., retired Special Grade Civil Surgeon, ESI Hospital, Rajahmundry stated that, he worked as In-charge Director of Insurance Medical Services (IMS) from 2.11.2017 to 05.05.2019. His Predecessor Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar had given the Annual Maintenance Contract for the operation and maintenance of STP to M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad for Rs. 2,41,500/- per month (Excluding Tax) vide Rc. No.1311/CDS1/2015, Dt. 26.09.2017 without following due procedure.

8) Sri Gudapati Murali Krishna, S/o.Veeranajaneyulu, 67 years, Director of M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., AC Guards, Hyderabad stated that, he is a Managing Director of M/s. Jalam Environment Private Limited, Hyderabad and Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar had issued the Annual Maintenance Contract for operation and maintenance of STP for Rs. 2,41,500/- per month (Excluding Tax) vide Rc. No.1311/CDS1/2015, Dt. 26.09.2017 after completion of the construction of the STP, ESI Hospital, Tirupati.

Therefore, the provisions of Article 3(3) and Article 4 of the AP Financial Code were not honoured by Dr C.K.Ramesh Kumar, the then Director, IMS while awarding the contract in favour of M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad for the construction and maintenance of the Sewage Treatment Plant at ESI Hospital, Tirupathi.

Thus, the Government Servant Dr Chinthala Krishnappa Ramesh Kumar, S/o. C.Krishnappa, the then In-charge Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada, by his above-mentioned acts have exhibited a lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule No. 3(1) (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 r/w. Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules 1980.

Thus, the Government Servant, therefore, rendered himself liable for Departmental Action for Major Penalty.

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## ANNEXURE – III

## LIST OF WITNESSES IN SUPPORT OF CHARGES PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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| 1. | Dr.S.B.R.Kumar Lagahimsetti, I.R.S., S/o. L.Mallikharjuna Rao, 40 years, Director of Insurance Medical Services, AP, Vijayawada, Enikepadu, Vijayawada – 520008, R/o. Guntur. | To speak to the facts about the establishment of the Sewage Treatment Plants at ESI Hospitals and their maintenance & payment particulars and irregularities which were done by the then In-charge Directors of ESI, AP. & etc., facts. |
| 2. | Sri Namburi Subba Rao, S/o Veera Bhadraiah, 54 years, Office Superintendent (Planning & RF Sections), O/o DIMS, Vijayawada. R/o SF-11, HRT Sai Nirman, Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada. | To speak to the facts about the payment particulars towards Sewage Treatment Plants at ESI Hospitals Tirupati, Rajahmundry, Vijayawada and Diagnostic centre Adoni, Kurnool District, etc., facts. |
| 3. | Dr.Bala Shankara Reddy, S/o K.Nagireddy, Civil Surgeon Specialist, ESI Hospital, Tirupati, Near Mutyalareddypalli police station, Avilala Post, Rayalaseema road, Tirupati, R/o D.No.19-12/1-143, 5th cross Keswavayanagunta, Tirupati. | To speak to the facts about the establishment and maintenance particulars towards Sewage Treatment Plants at ESI Hospitals Tirupati, etc., facts. |
| 4. | Smt. Battula Anjani Devi, W/o Venkata Rao Dara, 58 years, Superintendent, Account Section, O/o DIMS, Vijayawada, R/o Yenikepadu, 100 Ft road, Kamineni Hospital Road, Vijayawada. | To speak to the facts about the establishment & payment particulars towards Sewage Treatment Plants at ESI Hospitals Tirupati, Rajahmundry, Vijayawada and Diagnostic centre Adoni, Kurnool District, etc., facts. |
| 5. | Sri Yerramala Ajith Babu, S/o. Y.SarveswaraRao (Late), Age 27 Years, Junior Assistant (CDS Section, O/o.DIMS, AP, Vijayawada) Resident of D.No.53-1-185, Arul Nagar, Vijayawada. | To speak to the facts about the establishment, maintenance & payment particulars towards Sewage Treatment Plants at ESI Hospitals Tirupati, Rajahmundry, Vijayawada and Diagnostic centre Adoni, Kurnool District, etc., facts. |
| 6. | Sri Annavarapu Krupakanth, S/o A.Ramesh Babu, Age 31 Years, Senior Assistant (Accounts Section, O/o. DIMS, AP, Vijayawada) Resident of 19-13/6-39A, Old Raja Rajeswari Pet, Vijayawada. | To speak to the facts about the establishment & payment particulars towards Sewage Treatment Plants at ESI Hospitals Tirupati, Rajahmundry, Vijayawada and Diagnostic centre Adoni, Kurnool District, etc., facts. |
| 7. | Sri Adapala Ravi Teja, S/o. Subrahmanyam, 26 yrs, Plant Operator, M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., STP at ESI Hospital, Tirupati, R/o D.No.25/198, Arava Brahmana Street, Venkatagiri, Nellore District. | To speak to the facts of the Maintenance of the Sewage Treatment Plants at Tirupati, which was being done by M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd.,. |

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| 8. | Dr Gadi Vijaya Kumar S/o Veeranna, 60 yrs., retired Special Grade Civil Surgeon, ESI Hospital, Rajahmundry, H.O.No.18-13-16, Kotha Veedhi, Krishna Nagar, Rajahmundry. | To speak to the facts of the establishment of the Sewage Treatment Plants at ESI Hospital, Tirupati, and the Mode of Payment done by him and about the role of his predecessor Dr Chintala Krishnappa Ramesh Kumar in this regard. |
| 9. | Sri Gudapati Murali Krishna, S/o. Veeranajaneyulu, 67 years, Director of M/s. Jalam Environment Pvt., Ltd., AC Guards, Hyderabad. R/o. Plot No.153, Santanagara, Kukatpalli, Hyderabad. | To speak to the facts of the establishment of the Sewage Treatment Plants at ESI Hospitals Rajahmundry, Vijayawada, Tirupati and Diagnostic centre Adoni etc., facts. |
| 10. | Sri A.Suresh Babu, Addl. Supdt. of Police, CIU, ACB, AP, Vijayawada. | To speak to the facts of the Regular Enquiry on the allegation of the establishment of the Sewage Treatment Plants at ESI Hospitals & Diagnostic Centre, Adoni and their maintenance & payment particulars and irregularities which were done by the then In-charge Director Dr Chinthala Krishnappa Ramesh Kumar of ESI, AP, Vijayawada & etc., facts. |

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## ANNEXURE – IV

## LIST OF DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF CHARGES PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

| Sl.No. | Description of the Document |
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| 1. | Copy of the **G.O.Rt.No.683,** Dt.24.07.2013 of LET&F (IMS) Dept., of Govt. of AP for issuing permission to the Director, IMS, AP, Hyderabad (Combined state) for installation of Sewage Treatment Plants at ESI Hospital in the state of AP. |
| 2. | Copy of **G.O.Rt.No.340,** Dt.13.02.2014 of LET&F (IMS) Dept., Andhra Pradesh to accord permission to the Director, IMS, AP, Hyderabad (Combined state) to set up Sewage Treatment Plants at ESI Diagnostic Centres Nizamabad, Jeedimetla and Adoni instead of ESI Hospitals Visakhapatnam, Tirupati and Sanathnagar in the state of AP. |
| 3. | Copy of the **G.O.Ms.No.258,** Dated 20.09.2013 of Finance (TFR) Department, Government of AP, copy of G.O.Ms.No.2, dated.03.02.2014 of Finance (Works & Projects –F7) Department, Government of AP and copy of G.O.Ms.No.40, dated.14.02.2014 of Finance (TFR) Department, Government of AP to follow the procurement process of e-Procurement when the value of goods and services is more than Rs.1 Lakh. |
| 4. | Copies of the Work order vide Rc.No.**246/A/CDS/2017**, Dt.16.01.2017 issued by Dr.C.K.Ramesh Kumar, the then Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada to set up Sewage Treatment Plant at ESI Hospital, Tirupati issued to M/s.Jalam Environment Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad. |
| 5. | Copy of the work order vide **Rc.No.1311/CDS1/2015,** dated.26.09.2017 issued by Dr.C.K.Ramesh Kumar, the then Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada for operation and maintenance (AMC) of Sewage Treatment Plant at ESI Hospital Tirupati at a rate of Rs.2,41,500/- per month issued to M/s.Jalam Environment Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad for a period of one-year w.e.f.01.07.2017 to 30.06.2018 and its renewals for the periods w.e.f. 01.07.2018 to 30.06.2019 (Dr Vijay Kumar) and 01.07.2019 to 30.06.2020 (Dr Vijay Kumar) with the same rate of Rs.2,41,500/- per month. |
| 6. | Copies of the deed of agreement accepting with terms and conditions mentioned in a work order issued by the Director, IMS, AP vide Rc.No.1311/CDS1/2015, dated.26.09.2017 for operation and maintenance of Sewage Treatment Plant at ESI Hospital Tirupati for the period from 01.07.2017 to 31.06.2018 by Sri G.Murali Krishna, Director, M/s.Jalam Environment Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad and two other deeds of agreements for the periods from 01.07.2018 to 31.06.2019 and 01.07.2019 to 31.06.2020. |
| 7. | Copy of the total payments particulars made to M/s.Jalam Environment Pvt. Ltd., for installation and maintenance of STPs at ESI Hospitals Vijayawada, Rajahmundry, Tirupati and ESI Diagnostic Centre, Adoni by the Director, IMS, AP, Vijayawada from 02.06.2014 to 30.11.2018. |
| 8. | Reply of the Registrar of Companies, Hyderabad, Telangana, 2nd floor, Corporate Bhavan, Thattiannaram, GSI Post, Bandalguda, Nagole, Hyderabad, 500068 regarding Certificate of incorporation, list of directors, fees payments (SRN No.B72961667, MOA, AOA and from No. MGT-7, dated.31.03.2020 of M/s.Jalam Environment Pvt. Ltd., (CIN:-U90001TG2013PTC087206). |
| 9. | Statement of Dr.S.B.R.Kumar Lagahimsetti, I.R.S., S/o. L.Mallikharjuna Rao, |

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| | 40 years, Director of Insurance Medical Service, AP, Vijayawada, Enikepadu, Vijayawada- 520008, R/o. Guntur. |
| 10. | Statement of Sri Namburi Subba Rao, S/o Veera Bhadraiah, 54 years, Office Superintendent (Planning & RF Sections), O/o DIMS, Vijayawada. R/o SF-11, HRT Sai Nirman, Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada. |
| 11. | Statement of Dr Bala Shankara Reddy, S/o K.Nagireddy, Civil Surgeon Specialist, ESI Hospital, Tirupati, Near Mutyalareddypalli police station, Avilala Post, Rayalaseema road, Tirupati, R/o D.No.19-12/1-143, 5th cross keswavayanagunta, Tirupati. |
| 12. | Statement of Smt. Battula Anjani Devi, W/o Venkata Rao Dara, 58 years, Superintendent, Account Section, O/o. DIMS, Vijayawada, R/o Yenikepadu, 100 Ft road, Kamineni Hopital Road, Vijayawada. |
| 13. | Statement of Sri Yerramala Ajith Babu, S/o. Y.Sarveswara Rao(Late), Age 27 years, Junior Assistant (DS Section, O/o. DIMS, AP, Vijayawada) Resident of D.NO.53-1-185, Arul Nagar, Vijayawada. |
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| 16. | Statement of Dr Gadi Vijaya Kumar s/o Veeranna, 60 yrs., retired Special Grade Civil Surgeon, ESI Hospital, Rajahmundry, H.O.No.18-13-16, Kotha Veedhi, Krishna Nagar, Rajahmundry. |
| 17. | Statement of Sri Gudapati Murali Krishna, S/o. Veeranajaneyulu, 67 years, Director of M/s.Jalam Environment Pvt. Ltd., AC Guards, Hyderabad. R/o. Plot No.153, Santanagara, Kukatpalli, Hyderabad. |
| 18. | Any other document to be filed at the time of enquiry. |

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